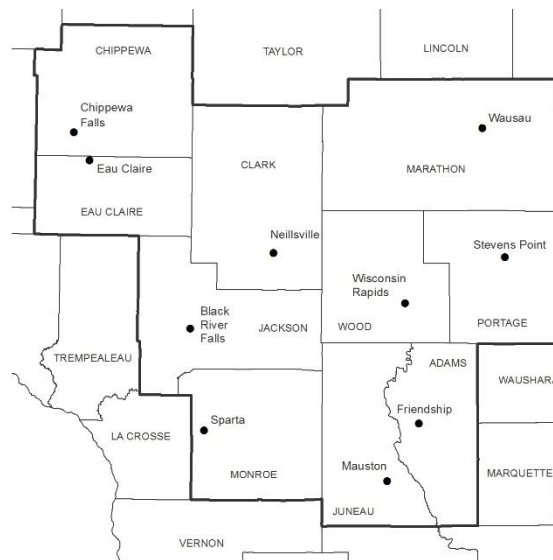


Help shape outdoor recreation in the Western Sands Region!

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking information from the public on existing outdoor recreation opportunities in the Western Sands Region and the most pressing needs for the future. **The data gathered in this form, along with other information, will be used to develop a Recreation Opportunities Analysis that will help guide future management and uses of DNR properties in the region.** The ten counties comprising the Western Sands Region are (see map):

Adams	Chippewa	Clark	Eau Claire	Jackson
Juneau	Marathon	Monroe	Portage	Wood



Section A: Your *participation* in outdoor recreation in the Western Sands Region.

1 Which **outdoor recreation activities** do you pursue in the Western Sands Region? (check all boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. ATV/UTV riding | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Fishing – from shore | <input type="checkbox"/> R. Motorboating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Bicycling on surfaced trails | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Fishing – from a boat, canoe or kayak | <input type="checkbox"/> S. Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Bicycling – mountain biking, single track | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Fishing – ice fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> T. Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Bicycling – winter/fat tire | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Harvesting berries, mushrooms, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> U. Target firearm shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Camping – RV/pop-up | <input type="checkbox"/> M. Hiking, walking, running on trails | <input type="checkbox"/> V. Trapping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Camping – tent | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> W. Wildlife/bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Canoeing/kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> O. Hunting – big game (deer, bear) | <input type="checkbox"/> X. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> P. Hunting – turkey, waterfowl, small game | <input type="checkbox"/> Y. Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Off-highway motorcycle riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Z. Other _____ |

2 From the above list, which **two** are your **favorite activities** to pursue in the Western Sands Region? _____ and _____
(letter) (letter)

3 Which public properties have you **visited in the last three years** in the Western Sands Region? (check all boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black River State Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Mill Bluff State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brunet Island State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bay State Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckhorn State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Abe State Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buena Vista Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Mountain State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Roche a Cri State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa Moraine State Rec. Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Arbor State Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa River State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Wildlife Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colburn Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dewey Marsh Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomorrow River State Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elroy-Sparta State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Age Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hartman Creek State Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Necedah National Wildlife Refuge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillsboro State Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse River State Trail | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Wissota State Park | <u>Local Parks & Forests:</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Wolf Fishery Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Adams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McMillan Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mead Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Clark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Valley Wildlife Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Eau Claire |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Juneau |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Portage |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood |

4 Which **three factors** are most important in **determining your favorite property** to visit in the Western Sands Region? (check up to three boxes)

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|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the trails. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the recreation facilities. (other than trails) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good maps, signs, or information about the property. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The desire to be in a quiet place. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The likelihood of seeing or harvesting fish and/or wildlife. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the habitat. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The property is easy to access. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The ability to meet friends or family at the property. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I anticipate that the property will not be crowded. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to combine the property visit with other places of interest. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



Section B: Your thoughts on **future needs** for outdoor recreation in the Western Sands Region

- 5 Which, if any, of these **additional outdoor recreation opportunities** do you think are most needed in the Western Sands Region? (check all the boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More hiking/walking/running trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Larger populations of big game species (deer, bear) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More trails for motorized recreation (ATVs, UTVs, off-highway motorcycles, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Larger populations of turkey, waterfowl, small game species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More paved bicycling trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More public shooting ranges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More natural surface (dirt) bicycling trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More developed campgrounds (electric hook-ups, flush toilets, showers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More horse trails | <input type="checkbox"/> More rustic/quiet campgrounds (pit toilets, no electricity or generators) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public boat launches | <input type="checkbox"/> More local parks and playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public shore access to lakes & streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More wildlife watching decks or platforms | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More lands open to public hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> No additional recreational opportunities are needed in the region |

- 6 There are over 600 miles of roads on DNR properties in the Western Sands Region that are open to “street-legal vehicles” (this includes cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, motorcycles, horses, and bicycles). These roads are **not** open to motorized recreational vehicles, such as **ATVs, UTVs, and limited use off-highway motorcycles**. Recently, several local units of government have authorized some types of motorized recreational vehicles on designated local roads. We’d like your opinions on allowing access by **motorized recreational vehicles** on roads in DNR properties in the Western Sands Region for the following purposes. (check one box)

- ☐ I support **all** roads on DNR properties remaining **closed** to motorized recreation vehicles **year-round**.
- ☐ I support **all** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles **year-round**.
- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles for **some** purposes.

If you select this option, please check all the circles below that apply.

- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles to provide access **during the fall hunting season** (Sept 1 to Dec 31).
- ☐ I support **some** roads on DNR properties being **opened** to motorized recreation vehicles in order to **connect regional motorized trail networks**.
- ☐ Other: _____

- ☐ Don't know/unsure.

- 7 Please describe any other needs or issues related to outdoor recreation in the Western Sands Region, particularly on DNR properties, that you believe should be included in the Recreation Opportunities Analysis.

Section C: About you.

- 8 In which county and zip code is your permanent residence?

_____ (county) _____ (zip code)

- 9 Do you own vacation or recreational property in the Western Sands Region?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, where? _____ (municipality) _____ (county)

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Thank you!

